

Examiner's Response to Reply Brief

1. The reply brief filed on 12/15/2008 has been entered and considered. The application has been forward to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interfaces for decisions on the appeal.

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chun-Kuan Lee whose telephone number is (571)272-0671. The examiner can normally be reached on 8AM to 5PM.

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